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Malta, January 2.

THE great Master has given Orders for the fitting out with all diligence eight Gallies, which are to serve against the *Turks* the next Summer, under the Command of the Count de *Herberstein*: They will have on Board them 900 Land-Soldiers, and a Company of 100 Knights; And will be ready to sail about the end of *April*.

Naples, Jan. 31. Yesterday sailed from hence three Merchant Ships bound for *Cadiz*, having on Board 500 Soldiers raised in this Kingdom, to recruit the *Neapolitan* Regiments in the Service of the *Spanish Netherlands*; At *Cadiz* they are to embark on other Vessels for *Ostend*. The *Dutch* Convoy who arrived here the last week, sailed again the 27th Instant, bound for *Smirna*. The Marquis de *Flori*, who has at his own Charge fitted out a Ship of 30 Guns to serve against the *Turks*, is now in this Port, to supply himself with Provisions and other Necessaries. The Duke of *Turfs* is arrived at *Gaeta* with the Squadron of Gallies under his Command to pass the rest of the Winter there.

Milan, Febr. 6. The Treaty our Governor lately concluded with the Senate of *Venice* being ratified by the King of *Spain*, and the Republick, the Troops his Excellency was thereby obliged to send to the assistance of that State, began their march the last week, consisting in three Regiments of Foot, and one of Dragoons, making together 3500 Men.

Venice, Febr. 9. The Letters from *Corfu*, by the way of *Otranto*, inform us, that the Captain General having refitted his Ships and Gallies, had resolved to sail from thence with the whole Fleet to attack; as was reported, *Napoli de Malvasia*; And that he had in the mean time sent Signior *Del-fino* to cruise with 15 Men of War in the *Archipelago*. By a Saïque arrived from *Zara*, we have advice, that notwithstanding the continual Rains they have had of late in those Parts, the *Morlaques* had made an Incursion into the *Turkish* Territories, and advanced as far as *Lapax*; That they had plundered and burnt three or four considerable places, and returned with 2000 Head of Cattle, and a great quantity of Forage, and other considerable Booty.

Cracow, Jan. 27. The Letters from the Court at *Zolkiew* inform us, that an Express arrived there the 22d Instant with Letters from the *Polish* Resident in *Persia*, wherein he gives the King an account, that the *Sophy* having heard of the raising of the Siege of *Vienna*, and of the entire Defeat of the *Ottoman* Army commanded by the Grand Visier, which he did not do till a year after, had thereupon resolved to break with the *Turks*; that accordingly he had declared War against them, and had commanded his Generals to march with all his Forces towards the *Turkish* Territories to besiege *Babylon*; And the said Express says, he met above 30000 *Persian* Horse that were marching to

the General Rendezvous. He adds, that publishing this important News in his passage through *Moscow*, the great Men of that Countrey did very much rejoyce at it, and that coming to *Moscow*, some of the Czar's chief Ministers had sent for him, and seeming very well pleased with the account he gave them, had charged him with a Commission, to direct the Ambassadors of this Crown, in case he met them, to hasten their Journey to *Moscow*, which he had performed; having met them on the Frontiers of *Moscow*. The preparations that are making in this Kingdom for the prosecution of the War, are carried on with all the vigor and application imaginable; The King will be very early in the Field; He will not begin the Campaign with the Siege of *Caminiec*, as has been reported, but intends to pass the *Niester*, and to advance into *Moldavia* and *Valachia*, to bring those two Provinces under the Subjection of this Crown; And for that purpose Boats are providing to make a flying Bridge on the *Niester*.

Vienna, Febr. 10. They write from *Upper Hungary*, that several *Turkish* Troops were come to *Lippa*, and that it was laid Count *Teckelej* was with them, to try to regain the *Hungarians* that have abandoned him since his Imprisonment. The Emperor has given the Count de *Peterbasi*, for his late good Services, a Gold Chain, and his Picture set with Diamonds, and has ordered Presents for all the Officers, according to their several Qualities, and three Months Pay for the Soldiers, under his Command; The Pope's Nuncio has likewise made the Count de *Peterbasi* a Present of a Gold Chain. We have an account from *Agria*, that the *Turks* of that place fearing they shall be attacked at the opening of the Campaign, work night and day to put themselves into the best posture of defence they can; That they have undermined all their Works, and have cut down all the Trees and Vines round the Town. They write from *Zaimar*, that General *Caraffa*, who has his Quarters there, was preparing for some important Enterprize, which we expect a farther account of in few days. We are told from *Croatia*, that there is such a Dearth in those Parts, that the Inhabitants of several Villages joining together, had forced one or two Castles where the Gentlemen, to whom they belonged, had secured their Corn, upon which some Troops had been sent out to disperse them. The last Letters from *Poland*, confirmed the News of the *Persians* having begun a War against the *Turks*; And say further, that they have great hopes the *Moscovites* will thereupon enter into an offensive and defensive Alliance with the Crown of *Poland*.

Cologne, Febr. 22. The Imperial Sub-Commissioners parted from hence the 13th Instant for *Duseldorpe*, once more to examine the three Prisoners *Gulicke*, *Sacks* and *Mechovius*, who returned hither the 17th; And yesterday the said Prisoners were